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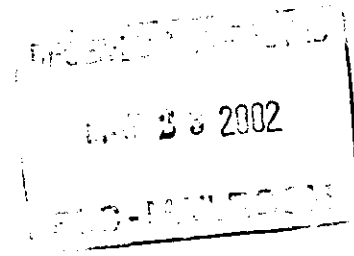


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Re: Disaggregation Elections of Rural Indiana Carriers pursuant to  
the FCC's Orders in CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 00-256

Dear Ms. Flannery and Ms. Salas:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the disaggregation elections of rural Indiana carriers who previously were certified by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("IURC") to receive federal high-cost loop support for the calendar year 2002.

Only one rural carrier, Northwestern Indiana Telephone Company ("NITCO"), chose to develop an original disaggregation plan (Path 2). The IURC approved NITCO's Path 2 plan in an Order issued on May 8, 2002 in Cause No. 42067-DEL-38. A copy of that Order is enclosed with this letter.


Three rural Indiana carriers elected Path 3, and thirty-three rural carriers elected Path 1. The IURC issued an Order on May 8, 2002 in Cause No. 42067 summarizing the elections of all Indiana rural carriers. A copy of that Order is enclosed with this letter. Attachment A to that Order is a list indicating the elections of all rural Indiana carriers, which you may find useful.

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If you have any questions, or if the IURC can be of further assistance to you, please call me at (317) 232-4723.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph M. Sutherland", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joseph M. Sutherland  
Secretary to the Commission

Encl: IURC Order in Cause No. 42067-DEL-38, dated May 8, 2002.  
IURC Order in Cause No. 42067, dated May 8, 2002

cc: All rural Indiana ILECs  
Office of Utility Consumer Counselor

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INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION - INDIANAPOLIS

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IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSION'S )  
CERTIFICATION OF RURAL CARRIERS' )  
ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE FEDERAL HIGH-COST )  
UNIVERSAL SUPPORT, PURSUANT TO THE )  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996, THE )  
FCC'S MAY 23, 2001 ORDER, AND OTHER )  
RELATED FCC ORDERS )

CAUSE NO. 42067

APPROVED:

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**BY THE COMMISSION:**

Camie J. Swanson-Hull, Commissioner

Gregory S. Colton, Administrative Law Judge

The Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"), in its Order of May 23, 2001 in CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 00-256 (the "FCC RTF Order"), set forth the methods by which rural carriers could disaggregate the federal universal service support they receive for high-cost loop support, long-term support, and local switching-support. Following the RTF Order the FCC released an Order on November 8, 2001, in CC Docket Nos. 00-256, 96-45, 98-77 and 98-166 (the "FCC MAG Order") prescribing methods by which rural carriers could disaggregate funds to be received beginning July 1, 2002 from a new federal support mechanism, the Interstate Common Line Support ("ICLS").

Both FCC Orders required each rural carrier to choose, by May 15, 2002, one of the following three options: to average its federal support on a per-line basis for the carrier's entire study area (Path 1); to disaggregate and target federal support to multiple levels below a wire center (Path 2); or to self-certify that its disaggregation plan complies with a prior regulatory determination or establishes no more than two cost zones per wire center (Path 3). The FCC's Orders further specified that a Path 1 election could be effected by simply notifying the state commission of its election; a Path 2 election required state commission review and approval; and a Path 3 election could be effected by the carrier certifying that the proposed disaggregation plan complies with a prior regulatory determination or establishes no more than two cost zones per wire center.

On January 29, 2002, the Commission conducted a prehearing conference in this Cause. The purpose of the prehearing conference was to establish a procedural schedule for rural carriers who chose either Path 2 or Path 3 to prefile evidence explaining how they would disaggregate the federal support they receive for high-cost loop support, long term support, local switching support and ICLS support. A Prehearing Conference Order was issued on February 6, 2002 establishing an April 26, 2002 evidentiary hearing date for Path 2 applications. The Prehearing Conference Order recognized that Commission approval of a Path 3 election is not required, but also noted that the FCC's RTF Order permits the Commission (or any interested party) to seek modification of a Path 3 disaggregation plan. In light of this possibility, the

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**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION that:**

1. The Commission hereby certifies to the Universal Service Administration Corporation ("USAC") that the Path 1, Path 2, and Path 3 elections of the rural carriers listed in Attachment A to this Order have all satisfied the state filing requirements set forth in the FCC's RTF and MAG Orders and related rules.

2. The Commission's Secretary is instructed to send a copy of this Order to USAC.

3. The Commission's Secretary is instructed to send a copy of this Order to all rural ILECs operating in Indiana.

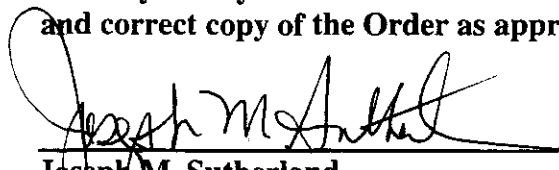
4. This Order shall be effective on and after the date of its approval.

**MCCARTY, HADLEY, SWANSON-HULL AND ZIEGNER CONCUR; RIPLEY  
ABSENT:**

**APPROVED:**

**MAY 08 2002**

I hereby certify that the above is a true  
and correct copy of the Order as approved.

  
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Joseph M. Sutherland  
Secretary to the Commission

Perry-Spencer Rural Coop.	Path 1	DEL-32
Pulaski White Telephone	Path 1	DEL-20
Rochester Telephone Co.	Path 1	DEL-35
S&W Telephone Co.	Path 1	DEL-21
Smithville Telephone Co.	Path 1	DEL-1
Southeastern Indiana Rural	Path 1	DEL-22
Sunman Telecom Corp.	Path 1	DEL-23
Swayzee Telephone Co.	Path 1	DEL-24
Sweetser	Path 1	DEL-25
Tipton Telephone Co.	Path 1	DEL-2
Tri-County Telephone Co.	Path 1	DEL-34
Verizon North (f/k/a Contel of the South	Path 1	DEL-40
Washington County Rural	Path 1	DEL-26
West Point Telephone	Path 1	DEL-27
Yeoman Telephone	Path 1	DEL-28